

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 12, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in response thereto. Claims 6, 10-13, 19-21, 27-29, 34-43, and 45-47 have been canceled. Thus, claims 1-5, 7-9, 14-18, 22-26, 30-33, 44, and 48-51 are pending in the application.

The indication that previously pending claims 4, 6-8, 13, 15-17, 21, 23-25, 29, 31-33, 47, and 49-51 contained allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. The current claims have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of the objected to claims into their respective independent claims. Consequently, currently pending claims 1-5, 7-9, 14-18, 22-26, 30-33, 44, and 48-51 are now allowable over the cited references.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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